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## Serbia

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### Export Certificate for Breeding Cattle Harmonized

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**Report Highlights:**

FAS Belgrade successfully completed harmonization of health certificate for export of breeding cattle from the U.S. to Serbia.

**General Information:**

In July 2011, in close coordination with APHIS, FAS Belgrade successfully completed more than a year negotiation process with Serbian Veterinary authorities in harmonizing export certificates for breeding cattle from the U.S. to Serbia. As a result of the certificate harmonization, for the first time Serbia will be able to import heifers from the U.S. The value of this potential market for US breeding cattle is estimated about \$1 million. Harmonized certificate can be found on APHIS web page:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal\\_serbia.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/animal_serbia.shtml)

For the past year, FAS Belgrade was working closely with one of the largest Serbian agribusiness companies that wanted to import the first 169 heifers worth \$1 million from the State of Illinois. The main obstacle for export of breeding cattle from the U.S. to Serbia was not-harmonized export certificate. Now that issue is resolved, the potential aforementioned transaction is expected to be realized by the end of this year. During 2008 and 2009 some 1,409 breeding heifers worth \$7.8 were imported from Canada to Serbia. Annually, Serbia imports about \$4-\$6 million worth of breeding cattle, mainly from Austria, Germany and Holland.